

ing many of the most distinguished Masons of this district, among whom we noticed R. W. Bro. E. Peplow, D.D.G.M., Port Hope; W. Bro. Dr. Turner, Millbrook; W. Bros. A. Hudspeth, A. H. Melville, Wm. Milne, Geo. Ingle, J. W. Wallace; Bros. Dr. C. L. Coulter, F. R. Weston, D. C. Trew, E. E. Henderson, J. D. Hunter, Jas. T. Mann, John Kelly, A. Burton, L. A. McLean, J. C. Rodden, J. D. Graham, — Cathro, F. Reeves, James Fry, John McMillan, J. Tyrell, M. Morrison, and J. Allen, of Lindsay; Bros. John Hunter, J. Fitzgerald, A. Lough, and H. McCartney, of Millbrook; and many others, whose names we could not obtain. The officers of the new lodge are: W. Bro. V. S. Cottingham, W.M.; Bro. George McWilliams, S.W.; Bro. Col. John Hamilton, J.W.; Rev. Bro. R. H. Harris, Chap.; Bro. W. Brundret, Sec.; Bro. Capt. James Evans, Treas.; Bro. Capt. W. H. Cottingham, S. D. After the ceremonies of the lodge were disposed of in the new lodge room, the members of the new lodge invited the visiting brethren to a banquet in Bradburn's Hall. The hall was tastefully arrayed—very appropriately for the occasion—with illuminated emblems and mottoes of the craft, festooned with flags and bunting and a liberal supply of evergreens. The chair was ably filled by W. Bro. W. S. Cottingham, the W. M. of the new lodge, and the vice-chairs by Bro. Geo. McWilliams, S. W., and Bro. Col. John Hamilton, J. W. After the cloth had been removed, the chairman proposed "The Queen," which was loyally drank and "God Save the Queen," sung by the company. The next toast was "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," which was acknowledged by the brethren giving the "grand honors." "The Governor-General," after whom the new lodge is named, was proposed with appropriate introductory remarks. Song by Bro. M. Morrison. "The Army and Navy," was responded to by Capt. Cottingham, Capt. Evans, Capt. Graham, Col. Hamilton, and Lieut. Rodden, R. N. Mr. Rodden's speech was a capital effort and gave an interesting history of Masonry in the British Navy. "The Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada" was responded to by R. W. Bro. E. Peplow, D.D.G.M.; after which "Our Visiting Brethren" was proposed, and called forth responses by W. Bros. A. Hudspeth, S. Turner, Geo. Ingle and W. Milne. Other toasts were proposed and received their due response, and the party broke up by all present joining in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

• INTERESTING CEREMONY, ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION.—On Friday evening, 14th ult., the lodge room of Beaver Lodge, No. 83, G.R.C., Strathroy, Ont., was the scene of a very pleasing and interesting ceremony, on the occasion of the regular monthly communication. There was a very large attend-

ance, among whom were no less than ten Past Masters, no doubt greatly due to the event of the evening, which was the presentation to V. W. Bro. Wm. Milner, by the brethren of the Lodge, of a most chaste Past Master's Jewel and Chapter Mark, as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his past services. The presentation was accompanied with the following address:—

V. W. Bro. Wm. Milner, P. M. of Beaver Lodge, No. 83.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—It is with feelings of the greatest pleasure that your brethren of Beaver Lodge desire to express to you their approbation of the deep and unremitting interest you have at all times taken in the welfare and prosperity of the craft in general, and of this Lodge in particular, and their indebtedness to you for many instructive and interesting meetings which have been productive of much good. The true Masonic conduct which it has at all times been your aim to carry out, in the many honorable and responsible positions you have held in our midst, has been a source of pleasure to us, indeed; your willingness and promptness at all times to assist in promoting the interests of the craft, has often been observed by us, and we feel that we are in duty bound to express ourselves to you for your many Masonic virtues. We would desire to present you with this Past Master's Jewel, as a token of esteem and brotherly love, and pray that you may be spared many years to wear the same with honor to yourself and to the craft.

JOHN MALLON, W. M.  
W. OLDHAM, P. M.  
W. M. GRANT, S. W.  
JOHN R. CLARKE, J. W.  
JOHN LENFESTY, Jr., P.M., Sec.

Bro. Milner replied as follows:—

W. SIR, WARDENS, AND BRETHREN OF BEAVER LODGE,—I assure you that this unexpected and unlooked for address from your hands is a source of the deepest pleasure to me. Your kind expression of approbation of the duties which I have endeavored at all times to perform to the best of my ability now fully repays me. While I may have taken an interest in endeavoring to promote the prosperity of our noble craft, I at all times did so from a sense of duty. But when, brethren, your flattering address just read is presented, I feel that I have come much short of what I should have done to merit such very kind expressions. As Masons we are taught many beautiful lessons, but the one beautiful lesson taught me this evening I never had the pleasure of receiving until you presented me with this beautiful token and address, and I assure you that while the Grand Architect of the Universe spares me, it shall be worn with that honor and pleasure which it so justly